



Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals

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Individually Enrolled Physical Therapists – Provider Type 35

Legacy Medicaid (Fee-for-Service) in Louisiana does **not** cover services provided by individually enrolled physical therapists **unless one of the following is true:**

- **The patient is enrolled in Early Steps.** Early Steps is a program for children aged 0-3 who have, or are likely to have, developmental disabilities. In this case, the provider should be enrolled and billing for services as an Early Steps provider (Provider Type 29) and **NOT** under the standard enrollment code for Individual Physical Therapists (Provider Type 35). Early Steps services are **carved out of Bayou Health** and, while these services should always be coordinated by the member's Health Plan, all such claims should be processed through the Medicaid Fiscal Intermediary, Molina. Authorization for Early Steps services is provided by the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities.
- **The patient is covered by both Medicare and Medicaid.** These patients are dually eligible and therefore **excluded** from Bayou Health.
- **The patient is enrolled in a waiver program.** Waiver recipients are **excluded** from Bayou Health.

Because the above populations are carved out of Bayou Health, **Shared Savings plans SHOULD NOT prior authorize any services for provider type 35.**

Physical therapy services are provided to legacy Medicaid recipients and members of Shared Savings Bayou Health Plans by rehabilitation centers (Provider Type 65), hospitals (Provider Type 60) or home health agencies (Provider Type 44). Therefore, physical therapy services will continue to be reimbursable to these provider types under existing rules. For information on legacy prior authorization requirements, please refer to fee schedules posted at www.lamedicaid.com.

Prepaid Bayou Health Plans (Amerigroup, LaCare, and Louisiana Healthcare Connections) may continue to contract with Individual Physical Therapists as part of their networks.

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